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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 4305POLYVFIR	FOR FURTHER ACTION		see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/EP2005/050945	International filing date (day/month/year) 03/03/2005	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 05/03/2004	
Applicant GLAVERBEL			

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 6 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

GLAZING PANEL

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b. ☒ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

C03C17/34 C03C17/42 C03C27/10 B32B17/10 E06B3/66

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

C03C B32B E06B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Y	claims 1-22; examples 1-6 -----	1-24
X	DE 25 42 441 A (BFG GLASSGROUP) 31 March 1977 (1977-03-31) page 3, paragraph 1 - page 4, paragraph 2 page 6, paragraph 3 - page 7, paragraph 1 page 7, paragraph 2 - page 9, paragraph 1	1,6,9
Y	-----	1-24
X	DE 199 16 506 C (FLACHGLAS AG) 13 July 2000 (2000-07-13) column 2, line 52 - column 5, line 56; claims 1-12; figure 1; examples 1-5 -----	1-3,11, 12,14,24 1-24
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 0 219 801 A (VER GLASWERKE GMBH) 29 April 1987 (1987-04-29) page 2, line 16 - page 3, line 13	4,5,10
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Y	page 5, lines 25-56 page 6, lines 3-42; claims 1-15; table 1 -----	1-24
Y	WO 00/37383 A (GLAVERBEL ; GOELFF PIERRE (BE); DECROUPET DANIEL (BE)) 29 June 2000 (2000-06-29) page 5, line 6 - page 6, line 8 page 6, lines 30-36 claims 1-13; examples 1,2 -----	1-24
Y	EP 1 147 066 A (GLAVERBEL) 24 October 2001 (2001-10-24) page 2, line 36 - page 3, line 57; claims 1-12 -----	1-24

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Continuation of Box II.1

Claims 1-24 searched incompletely:

Reason for the limitation of the search:

Present claims 1-24 relate to products (glazing panel), which are (inter alia) defined by reference to desirable characteristics or properties, namely heat release, mechanical resistance, fire rating, bullet resistance, surface compression, emissivity, Tg.

No compositions of the essential features of the panel (e.g. glass sheet, interlayer) are claimed, e.g. no glass composition and the interlayer is characterized by the vague term

"PVB- or EVA-based material" but it is not known what would be the rest of said material.

The claims cover all products having said characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 84 EPC and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 83 EPC for only a very limited number of such products. In the present case, claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 84 EPC). An attempt is made to define the product by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible.

Moreover, present claims 1-24 relate to products defined (inter alia) by reference to the following parameters: Heat release, mechanical resistance, fire rating, bullet resistance, expansion coefficient, Tg. The use of these parameters in the present context is considered to lead to lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 84 EPC. It is impossible to compare the parameters the applicant has chosen to employ with what is set out in the prior art. The lack of clarity is such as to render a meaningful search impossible.

Consequently the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed (fig1,2).

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: —
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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